

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are amended for clarity and to remove improper multiple dependencies. Support can be found in the claims as originally filed. Additional support for the amendments to claim 4 can be found in the specification at paragraph [0007].

No new matter has been added.

Applicants provisionally elect, for examination purposes only, the following species:

Four binders are present, which are: sodium carboxymethylcellulose, carrageenan, xanthan gum and sodium alginate (at least claims 1-8 readable thereon).

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6 are generic, rather than claim 1-2 (*see* page 3 of the April 1, 2010 Restriction Requirement).

An action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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